

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
counting an untransmitted frame to determine a count of silence frames;
determining a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame;
and storing ~~a~~ the silence description frame.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving ~~an~~ the active frame; and
storing the active frame.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising decoding a file comprising an active frame and ~~a~~ the silence description frame.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a packet describing comfortable noise.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining ~~an~~ the untransmitted frame represents a silence frame.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence of frames comprises a silence frame.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.
9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to ~~an~~the active frame.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a network interface; and
a silence description frame filer coupled to said network interface to determine a count of silence frames; and
a data storage device coupled to said silence description frame filer to store a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a decoder to decode a file comprising ~~an~~the active frame and ~~a~~the silence description frame.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said network interface comprises a packet-switching interface.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor coupled to said data storage device.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to count an untransmitted frame.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to determine ~~a~~the silence description frame.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a data storage controller coupled to said silence description frame filer.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a

memory device coupled to said silence description frame filer.

19. (Original) A system, comprising:
a variable-size packet transmitter; and
a silence description frame filer coupled to said variable-size packet transmitter.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a decoder coupled to an output device.
21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode active audio in a fixed-size packet.
22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode a video difference in a fixed-size packet.
23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein said silence description frame filer ~~untransmitted frame determiner~~ comprises microprocessor to store a silence description frame.
24. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations, comprising:
counting an untransmitted frame to determine a count of silence frames;
determining a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame; and
storing the silence description frame.
25. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 further comprising:
receiving ~~an~~ the active frame;
storing the active frame;
26. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said counting an

untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence comprises a silence frame.

27. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.

28. (Canceled)-

29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.

30. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to ~~an~~the active frame.